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The travelers arrive in New York and Jack seizes an opportunity to set himself right with the Suttons, explaining that he is no spy, knows nothing of the Hornell investigation, and cares less.

A process server succeeds in serving papers on Sutton at the depot, despite the fact that he tries to prevent it. Summons to appear before the Hornell Senatorial Committee.

The next morning at the Polo Grounds, before practice, Jack receives a note, sent A.D.T., fromDoris, saying "I don't like misunderstandings, and I don't think you do either. I would like to have a real talk with you. Could you have dinner with us tonight?"

Jack is elated. After practice, as he is about to leave the field, a ball, batted by another player at practice, hits him on the base of the brain and he faints. The afternoon papers carry a story about a Giant rookie hurt in batting practice. Maybelle sees this in the paper and hurries with it to the Consul's office. This is the first time the Consul has seen Maybelle and he tells Segundo that she's a strange assistant for confidential work— she looks very stupid to him. Ah, yes, but the stupid ones are very useful at times — they don't arouse suspicion.

Segundo has decided the only way they can reach Sutton is through his daughter, and the news article gives him an idea. He has a wire sent to Doris, reading, "Was injured during morning practice and have been taken to the home of a friend, at 70 East River Avenue. I have information that will help your father in Hornell investigation. Call between six and seven tonight. Say nothing about this telegram.

Doris hurries away, and the butler hears her give the address to the taxi driver, so that, a little later when Jack arrives to keep his dinner date, the butler is surprised for Doris has told him that Jack was hurt and had sent for her. Jack pushes off in another taxi. In the meantime Doris arrives at the address and is shown by a man into aroom where a man lies in bed with his head swathed in bandages. She cannot see his face and is told that he is sleeping and the doctor said he must not be disturbed. But the bandages have been hastily puton and he is suffocating. Choking and gasping for air, he claws at the bandages and Doris sees it is not Jack. She puts up a great fight, but falls against a door, that is ajar, and falls back into space.

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